While the bureau of education has

een working for immigrants along its

Americanizing especially in stimu-

the Aliens. lating state to open spe-

cial classes, the bureau of naturaliza

tion of the Department of Labor has

been furthering the Americanization

Its particular function has been to

ralization to enter the classes or demand

persuade the immigrants seeking natu-

through maintaining a great card in

dex of aliens making application fo

W. C. A's., Jewish societies and othe philanthropic, social and religious or ganizations. The work of the natural

zation bureau in the movement has

of the United States district court and

naturalization inspectors decided in the case of certain applicants who had failed to show themselves properly

qualified for citizenship that society qualified for citizenship that society has an obligation to educate such ap-plicants up to the proper standard Thereafter Judge Platt actually "sen-

tenced" the failures to six months in the night schools. After "serving time"

they passed their examinations with

work has been unquestioned, and its

one of the most interesting and amazing phases of the Americanization work as carried on by the naturalization bureau is the personal touch that

citizenship in improving their station

The officials show themselves possess

and enthusiastic newly naturalized citi-

study, debate and discussion, and or

mariner. Whenever a storm is brew-

ing along the coasts or over the inland

waterways colored lights twinkle forth

from hundreds of special storm-warn-

ing stations of the weather bureau

combined in such a way as to furnish

navigators with specific information

This service has been furnished sinc

the beginning of the weather bureau and has been of the greatest value es-pecially on the great lakes, where strong winds quickly lash the relative-

destructive breakers. Seeing room to

improvement, however, and because of

the great growth in recent years of lake traffic, the weather bureau is

that will forearm them.

lake

ing becoming citizens will be br

is hoped, other aliens not

of the Americanization

work from a different angle.

The Evening Star Newspaper Company

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the President, while indorsing demo

to reach the Senate, may we not see

the presidential influence exerted in his

Work at Baltimore in 1912, and at St.

Louis in 1916. And Mr. Bryan, there

is no risk in saying, will not be a

member of Mr. Wilson's cabinet if there

Politics and the Bench.

Two propositions have long been as

serted more swaggeringly than convinc-

should never leave the bench for politi-

cal leadership, and the other that a suc-

cessful political leader should never be

Failure, it is asserted, is inevitable in

Let us try the second proposition by

John' M. Harlan of Kentucky and

Stanley Matthews of Ohio were distin

This was amusing to all who knew the

two men. Gen. Harlan stood as high

Mr. Matthews enjoyed an equal legal

What followed is unchallenged his-

preme Court both men achieved notable

Justice Harlan lived to be an old man

and died in harness and in great honor.

disability for other pursuits. Leader

ship at the bar is often followed by

disqualification for eminence on the

bench, as both Gen. Harlan and Stan-

ley Matthews conspicuously demon-

A strong sense of relief should come

to Mr. Bryan when he takes note of

current international developments in

which it is not necessary for his signa-

Some delay in reply from Berlin

inevitable. A diplomatic official is not

expected to be as quick on the trigger

The most interesting papers pertain

ing to international affairs are occasion-

ally found wandering around in a hand-

The climate has at last reached a

stage which suggests a suitable date

Predictions as to when the European

war will end have fallen by the way-

As a storm center Columbus, N. M.

has surpassed that traditional political

Poor Prospect for the District.

of time for the consideration of its busi-

ness in Congress. Seemingly there is

a disposition to sidetrack all local mat-

ters in the House to make way for the

items on the national program, not only

hours of House meetings that the meet.

followed by immediate consideration.

No move has been made to bring in a

legislative proposition covering the rec-

ommendations of the joint select com-

in regular order, but so arranging the repeat your number."

for the President's inauguration.

side in a state of exhaustion.

battleground, Columbus, Ohio.

as a submarine commander.

strated.

bag.

ture to figure.

distinction in Ohio.

strong men of the court.

two instances within living memory.

both cases.

eratic candidates in other states, refused the Evening Star, with the Sunday moraling tion, is delivered by carriers within the city 45 cents per month; daily only, 25 cents per nth; Sunday only, 29 cents per month. Orders y be sent by mail, or telephone Main 2440. Iection is made by carrier at the end of each to indorse him. At that time Mr. Bryan was a member of the cabinet, and operated probably as a restraining influence. But should Mr. Wilson be re-elected and Mr. Sullivan make a second effort

office at Washington, D. C.

The Von Igel Case.

Were it not for the fact that a vigor ous American note has been presented to Berlin for immediate answer on the subject of submarine warfare, virtually an ultimatum without time limit, the situation with reference to the arrest of Wolfe von Igel, former private sec retary of Capt. von Papen, and the seizure of papers from his office in New York would be regarded as a matter of the gravest public importance. In truth, this case involves a serious possible strain of relations between Germany and the United States. Immediately upon the arrest of von Igel the German embassy protested on the ground that he was an attache and therefore immune from arrest, and that his office was un guished and successful politicians, the bler German jurisdiction and should not former the leader of his party at home. have been entered. Later certain papers and one of the most eloquent and per taken from his safe and found, it is suasive orators in the country. When understood, to contain evidence of an they were nominated for places on the extensive conspiracy in violation of Supreme bench their nominations were American neutrality against British opposed on the score of the political ac property, and possibly against American tivities of the nominees. It was as property, were demanded by the em- serted that they were politicians and Those papers have been sent to no more; that there was not the mak-Washington by the district attorney in | ing of a good judge in either. New York, to be here considered with a view to their possible return to the German embassy. If it is decided that von at the bar at home as in politics, while Igel's office was part of the German embassy, or in any event if the papers are Identified as official, they will be re

The main issue regarding these papers turns upon whether or not the premises nominees by some of their warmest poentered in New York were a part of litical opponents. the German embassy, and therefore immune from entry. If that office was thus tory. As associate justices of the Suofficially attached to the German establishment in this country, any entry is reputations. Justice Matthews did not illegal and anything found there, what- serve long, death claiming him in the legal. The case serves a good purpose, ever its nature, must be returned at midst of his usefulness. But while in once upon demand, and this government commission he was rated among the are still engaged in this doubtful pracmust apologize for the action.

· It is stated that von Igel was not a recognized attache of the German embassy at the time of the commission His was one of the longest services on gamble itself, but of losing even when of the alleged offense for which he has the Supreme bench, and was filled with they nominally win. It does not neces been indicted, and that this deprives distinction. Probably no associate jus- sarily follow that a man who will conhim of immunity from arrest. On this tice of that court has commanded more duct an illegal business will cheat his point the State Department has renderd no decision. It is also claimed that the offices in New York were leased by von Igel personally and not as a representative of the German government. If the German ambassador regards the for the best the opposition could send tice Washington is still the scene of ilentry, the arrest and the seizure of against him proved himself as a judge licit race track betting. papers as an affront to his government through many years the equal of the and the attache is not released from all charges and the papers returned, together with all copies, accompanied by at times with turbulence. But men of be depended on to stop the fighting an apology, a possible cause of a rupture strong texture play the game without now in progress. on the other hand, the United States government holds that the premises were not immune from entry and that claiming of the papers as official and of the attache as immune is an assump tion of responsibility by the German ambassador for the acts alleged to have been committed by von Igel and by others as disclosed by the papers the contents of which will probably in any ease have been noted officially-a pos sible ground of grievance against the German government is afforded.

An irresponsible orator who abuse the American flag will not hesitate to turn around and rely on its protection

And why abuse the American flag, inhatever the imagined grievance? Let the Mexicans attend to it.

Speculative investors have had every warning that "war brides" are fickle

Bryan and Sullivan.

Roger Sullivan has achieved an over shelming victory, William J. Bryan has met with an overwhelming defeat at home. The former will go to the St. Louis convention not only as a dele gate, but as chairman of the Illinois delegation. If Mr. Bryan goes as a delegate it will be by a squeeze, and he may have to attend simply as a newspaper correspondent-an observer chronicling

the performances of others. A great change. Time was when Mr. Bryan was supreme in the party, and suffer this year as in the past from lack Mr. Sullivan only a high private in the rear rank. At that time Mr. Bryan disliked and disapproved of Mr. Sullivan, and expressed himself with characteristic frankness. It was at the St. Louis convention of 1904-just twelve years ago-that Mr. Bryan denounced Mr. Sullivan as a "highwayman" in

ing time of the District committee is polities. reduced to a brief period weekly. The This is taken from a press dispatch District appropriation bill, finished by giving an account of the Illinois demothe committee, is not to be disclosed in cratic state convention held at Springits details until just before the report,

field yesterday: "There was no denving the shouts of the Cook county delegation for 'Rog-er' Roger!' and Chairman Lucey sumrostrum and introduced him as "the mou, who more than any one else had Woodrow Wilson nominated at Balti- fiscal relations of the District and the

general government. Intimations are Insatiate archer! Why have taken a had that the bill will be framed along shot at Mr. Bryan in that way? With the lines of these recommendations and knowledge of Mr. Bryan's discomfiture that the legislative obstacle to considat home, why have attempted to rob eration of the radical changes in the ap him of one of the tallest feathers in his propriation system will be cleared by cap! For it is but an attempt. It is special rule. This is a most unsatis not a fact accomplished. Proof must be factory method of framing the new fis-

produced if the public is to surrender cal foundation for the National Capital. Mr. Bryan and accept Mr. Sullivan as It was hoped that a specific measur the political creator of President Wil- would be devised and presented which son. Of course Mr. Sullivan was at could be discussed freely and shaped Baltimore, and a Wilson man; but what perhaps by amendments without refers the authority for the assertion that ence to the exigencies of immediate aphe did more there than any one else propriation. Apparently it is the presto secure Mr. Wilson's nomination? The ent purpose of those in charge of House credit went then to Mr. Bryan, and this matters to revise the District's "constiis the first essay since to strip him of it. tution" by way of the appropriation bill. It will be remembered that when Mr. Sullivan was a candidate for the Senate,

Dangerous Fire Motor Speeding.

An inquiry should be had into the distressing accident at 7th and F streets yesterday, whereby Crossing Policeman Ippolito was dangerously and perhaps fatally injured by the motor car of the deputy fire chief. Ippolito was acting in the line of duty and bravely endeavoring to save a child from injury when the fire department motor came around behalf? See the strength of his claim. the corner and hit him before he could regain his post of safety. It should be determined whether or not the motor, which, being a lighter vehicle, is capable of higher speed than the firefighting apparatus, was being driven unnecessarily fast. Of course, it is desirable that the fire department should, as far as possible, have right of way through the streets at the highest pracingly. One is that a successful judge ticable speed to reach points of alarm. But there is perhaps a limit of safety in this respect. It is obviously not to the public interest that people should transferred from politics to the bench. be killed by speeding fire motors. Loud warnings are sounded by these vehicles, and ordinarily there is little danger of collisions if these signals are heeded. In this case a child became confused, and perhaps the very noises intended for her protection served to bewilder her. The crossing policeman showed an instant appreciation of his duty, unselfishly exposing himself to dauger in order that the child might be saved. His was a gallant action and it is to be hoped that his life will be spared.

Defaulting Handbook Makers.

Little sympathy will be felt for the victims of the handbook makers who, it is alleged, recently failed to make settlements with their patrons on a race run in Maryland a few days ago. Of ase were guilty of breach of trust, and There was a contest in each case, but yet if they were identified and the facts proved against them they would be both nominations were confirmed after guilty primarily of violating the law very high tributes had been paid to both against gambling. It is doubtful whether there is any offense of which the law can take cognizance in trickery or fraud as between the handbook maker and his patron, inasmuch as the whole transaction between them is ilhowever, in demonstrating to those who tice of betting on the races through the medium of law dodgers the risk they run, not only of involvement in the admiration for legal learning, judicial patrons, but there is nevertheless a cerpoise and clear vision since the days tain risk attendant upon any dealings of Joseph Story. The man who had with the lawbreaker. It is evident that led a political party for years and notwithstanding the recent activities of proved himself a match on the stump the police and the Department of Jus-

Diplomacy would be regarded as more Our politics is strenuous, and marked hopeful if any amount of apology could

Carranza will be regarded as some thing of a trainer if he can compe leadership in polities—take Mr. Root's Villa to lie down and play dead.

case while leadership in politics is no The theory of suspended enimation may be heard from in connection with

the case of Villa.

SHOOTING STARS.

- BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

Relative Values.

"Why don't you pay your subscription in garden stuff?" inquired the edi tor of the Punkintown Gazette.

"Well," replied Farmer Corntossel "I'd hate to look stingy when I was handin' you cabbage an' tomatoes. The way the cost of food has been goin', it 'ud be hard to give you anything noticeable that wouldn't be worth more than the regular money."

A man who only speaks the truth May speak but little, there's no doubt. Most of his time he'll spend, in sooth In patient care to find it out.

The District appears to be doomed to slide for second base."

"I'm a plain spoken person," said the aggressive man "That's lucky. You're at least one subscriber who saves the telephone denying the District its customary "day" operator the trouble of asking you to

> Happiness too often consists in how you imagine you would feel if you were in the position of some other man-who is not at all happy.

Cherry Blossoms. Jes' bloomin'-dat's all-On a tree by de fence An' answerin' de call Of its natural sense;

Not thinkin' a bit Of how great it kin grow, Nor de way it mus' quit When de chilly winds blow.

Jes' doin' de part Dat is meant foh de day, While it whispers its heart To de breezes dat stray; Not stoppin' to ask 'Bout de fruit in de fall, But fulfillin' its task Jes' bloomin' dat's all.

THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FIFTY YEARS AGO

After conducting last year a sucessful small scale experimental market news service which dealt

with four crops-straw-

berries, tomatoes, canta-Service. loupes and peaches-the office of markets of the Department of Agriculture has just gotten under way market news service the country has paig end to the truck and fruit movements, the products of sixteen crops will be carefully observed from the time they n the various producing centers until they are placed on sale to consumer in cities perhaps thousands of miles away. And all the data collected from this careful observation will be imme diately communicated to all persons

who care to receive them. To have charge of this work the ce of markets has sent specialists outh into Florida, Louisiana and Texis maturing fruits and vegetables; and has sent other of its experts to the great consuming centers to gather information as to arrivals in market. origin and prices. Starting with onions in Texas near the Mexican border, and with strawberries and tomatoes in the three states, the field observers will pick up each additional fruit and truck crop as it comes in season in these and other states, gathering the desired information about its condition and the number of carloads shipped, and wiring this information to Washington.

ington.

In the Washington clearing house of the service this information from the various sources is now being compiled and wired out in a remarkably short time to producers and dealers all over the United States who care to pay the

phic charges. Though it has been worked out in little more than a single season, the new service that the government is giving to the truck growers, fruit producers and distributers is wonderfully accurate and complete. The possession of these essential characteristics is made possible by the hearty and even enthusiastic co-operation that is being tive associations, who furnish their current statistics: railroads, which keep the government informed as to shipments and rerouting throughout their systems, and dealers, who give information as to the arrival of cars and market prices.

Even in the experimental stages last season the government's market prices.

run in Maryland a few days ago. Ut markets from producers, transporta-course, the handbook makers in this tion systems and dealers, all testifying

to the greatly improved conditions in regard to the crops covered. Knowing the market demands accu-rately, the producers have been able to make greater shipments and in outlets for their surplus supplies. The consumer, too, profited, for the news service meant for him a steadier suply of produce and less violent price

The people of the United States have ome to a strangely belated realization of what tremendous-Education of ly important things

Immigrants. migration have been and are to this country-essentially an ganize associations through which, is ever before toward the solution of the various problems connected with the good as possible at once to our instinterest universities and colleges to offer professional courses of training or social service among immigrants.

Through the committee for immithat as a result of an inquiry among 425 universities, colleges and special educational institutions such as missionary training schools, it developed that only fourteen such institutions are offering special courses treating the problems of immigration, and that practically all of these confine their work to an academic consideration. work to an academic consideration, giving little attention to the practical

giving little attention to the practical side of the matter.

One of the first steps of the bureau was to have prepared a syllabus suggesting in detail a course to be given to students wishing to take up some phase of social work for immigrants, and also including a bibliography for more extended reading. The student following the outline will be given an insight into the history of immigration, its causes, the handicaps that the newly arrived allens are under, their distribution, the surroundings that they usually enter, their experiences usually enter, their experiences overhauling the whole storm-warning happening just reported, said:
service both as to plan and equipment service both as to plan and equipment and at the approaching opening of cussion of projected changes are also included in the course, as are opportunities for service. Copies of this syllabus are being offered to the high-right labus are being of April 21. 1856. commenting of happening just reported, said:

"Our readers no doubt remember the question, Will saltpeter explode?" so widely discussed some years ago. None of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the despendence of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the despendence of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the despendence of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the fact of the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a mooted point attaches to the doubt which made that a institutions of learning, and several of them have already adopted the

emphasizing the importance of In emphasizing the importance of training leaders for immigration work the bureau of education points out that there are numerous phases to such work and that in practically all the special fields there is a dearth of properly equipped workers. Reports to the bureau show that in some localities evening school classes for forities evening school classes for for-eigners have actually been abandoned because principals and teachers pos-sessing the special training for the

"Yes. A mother likes a boy who wouldn't get a speck of dust on his clothes. And a father likes one who doesn't care what happens to his wardrobe when he makes up his mind to slide for second base."

Work were not available.

In addition to the new work looking to the creation of immigration specialists through colleges the bureau of education is carrying on an extensive campaign in the "America first" movement—and all season Americanization movement which is to a large extent an outgrowth of the celebration of special Americanization days in certain localities for several years past. As a feature of this movement the bureau's division of immigration education had prepared an "America first" movement was worked out after experiments carried on by the instrument experts of the weather bureau on the Potomac below Washingston under various weather conditions. These experiments brought out the bureau's division of immigration education had prepared an "America first" movement the line of the two lights in a vertical plane heretofore employed.

The taller towers will make possible the establishment of the new signal system in which three lights, one above the other, will be used instead of the two lights in a vertical plane heretofore employed.

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At first these posters were placed only in public buildings and sent to school superintendents, but soon a

From the Toronto Mail and Empire

From the Birmingham Age-Herald.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer

If Villa is really dead, President Wilson's enemies will say that's another example of "Wilson luck." From the Columbia State. From the St. Louis Star. Let us hope that Mr. Villa will not disappoint us in this little matter of

VILLA, DEAD OR ALIVE?

from the Providence Evening Bulletin Among the unsolved mysteries are the fates of Francisco Villa, Charlie Ross, the French Dauphin, Archduke John of Austria, Jimmy Glass and Dorothy Arnold.

Any one who would accept the Carranza story of Villa's death without corroboration is of a nature too guile-lessly trustful for this wicked world. But, then, belief is sometimes a matter of diplomatic expediency. Villa may be dead, but there seem to e several millions of the family in

> It must be admitted that the late Gen. Villa's remains are about the most active remains in the business. From the Waco (Tex.) Times-Herald.

And what if it should turn out that this isn't Villa's last front page appear-From the Syracuse Post-Standard

Villa is, we fear, just as dead as the From the Utica Observe Proof as to the death of Villa has not seen of such character as to warrant Villa appears to have got to the end of his rope before we had a chance to get him at the end of ours.

been of such character as to warm the issuance of probate papers to executors.

IN THE STAR

steady demand for them set in from heads of industries, commercial organizations and various miscellaneous associations. Now, in addition to those in schools, post offices and other public buildings, hundreds of thousands of them have been placed in railway stations, factories and semi-public places where they will better catch the eye of the foreign population. School superintendents report to the bureau of education that the result of the campaign has been most marked; and it is felt that the demand for and establishment of hundreds of night classes for foreigners can be laid definitely to the effectiveness of what might be called the government's billboard advertising. assenger cars been in use on American railways but the idea

Iron Cars for of employing a non-inflammable and resistant Railways. material for railroad chicles is by no means a new one. In The Star of April 19, 1866, is the folowing paragraph: "The Chicago and Great Eastern Rail

way Company has recently adopted the use of passenger cars wholly constructed of iron, which are in the high est style of railroad architecture and complete in all their arrangements for strength and comfort. We have for a long time been waiting for the adop tion of this improvement, as it will render railway traveling much safer than it ever yet has been. The effects tralized by the adoption of the iron cars. We may have contusions, but not dangerous wounds from splinters and broken beams. These new cars are manufactured in New Brighton, near

taken.

connects the intrenchments of Verdu on the Meuse with Toul on the Mosel to the southeast.

Pittsburgh." These iron cars proved too heavy for ise and were quickly abandoned. The present cars are made of pressed steel, which gives structural strength with-

dex of aliens making application for first citizenship papers and correspond-ing with them personally; through fur-nishing specific data as to the appli-cants to school authorities in the lo-cality in which the individuals live, and through fostering the American-ization work through Y. M. C. A's., Y. W. C. A's., Jewish societies and other philanthronic social and religious or-The cholera scare occasioned by the arrival of the steamer England at Halifax with several cases ization bureau in the movement has also been largely through courts.

It is here, where the applicants are brought to prove their qualifications and to have citizenship formally conferred upon them, that the scheme of Americanization class work is said to have been conceived. It is declared that in Hartford, Conn., Judge Platt of the United States district court and Cholera in on board quickly subsided but it was revived New York, a few days later when the steamer Virginia reached New York from Europe with cholera among the passengers. The Star of April 20

1866. says: "The disease on the steamer Virginia is pronounced Asiatic cholera by the New York health officer. She remained at upper quarantine until 11 o'clock vesterday, when she went to the lower bay. No communication has been alall her passengers from the ship to merrow. It is said there will be no danger of the disease reaching the city from the vessel. The cholera appeared when she was eight days out and from ported convalescent. The disease is er tion bureau is the personal touch that is maintained with the aliens. Every item on court records affecting citizenship applicants is transcribed periodically and sent to the bureau in Washington for use in keeping its than among the Irish and English pashage card index of declarants up to Washington for use in keeping its huge card index of declarants up to date. With these data before them, naturalization officials write personal letters to the individuals, urging them to take up and keep up night school work and pointing out to them the great value of both an education and citizenshin in improving their station. sengers. It is mentioned as a singular circumstance that the disease broke out about the same place on the ocean at which the passengers on the England were attacked. There is no panic on board and it is not expected that many more passengers will die. The sick will be placed on board the hospital ship Falcon. She can accommodity the sick of the sick will be placed on board the hospital ship Falcon. pital ship Falcon. She can accommodate 300 patients. The Virginia will be closed up at once and fumigated."

Passing of Paris, and critics of the Crinoline. inconvenient in places of public assemblage, were rejoicing. to see the advantages of taking the step.

The citizenship work was begun several years ago, but gained its first striking publicity when President Wilson addressed and publicly welcomed in Philadelphia a year ago a group of could be advantaged citizens. The publication of the p following extract from the Paris correspondence of the New York Times: "Talking of fashions, crinoline is done for. It has gone out of the fash-ionable world all at once, like a meltson addressed and partial solutions of the servants and in Philadelphia a year ago a group of newly naturalized citizens. The publicity that the movement has since gained has no doubt helped it tremendously, and it has, of course, received a great stimulus from the European war.

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Uncle Sam's lighthouse service is not the only one of his agencies that display. Iights at play. Iights at night for the in-Storm Warnings. welfare of the which the French call cages? Can they be used in the fisheries, or as hen-coops? Now we have the gored dresses and trains of the first empire, which in a month's time will seem so becom-ing and beautiful that we shall wonder how we could ever have admired any

Crinoline was still the rage in this

country fifty years ago, but its doom

had been sounded in

On the 3d of April, 1866, an explosion occurred on board the steamer European at Aspin-Nitroglycerin wall, destroying the vessel and 400 feet

other fashion.

Explosions. of wharf, killing fifty people. The explosion was supposed to have been caused by a cargo of nitroglycerin on board. The Star of April 21, 1866, commenting on this

more valuable service than before.

One interesting fact is that the mushroomlike growth of many lake ports,
bringing into existence cities with
their myriads of lights, obscured numbers of the stations are being relocated at
points easily seen by the officers of
approaching or passing ships. The new
stations are being installed in tall,
specially constructed steel towers,
dozens of which are being erected
along the shores of the five lakes and
their connecting waterways.

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The prevaction of the parts of the doubt which made that a mooted but and model that a mooted but and model of the doubt wit last for several hours. Its explosive 'orce is at least ten times greater than gunpowder, but not until recently has it been applied to a practical purpose, namely, blasting, the cost of which it is said to reduce fully 50 per cent. Hence its value in mining and its growing importance as an article of commerce. But its terrific force, as shown by the late series of destructive explosions, demands the imposition of proper legal restrictions on its use, transportation and storage. By the explosion at San Francisco on the 16th instant fifteen or twenty persons were killed instantly, while many others were dreadfully injured and the value of the buildings destroyed by the explosion is at least \$200,000. In 1865, when attention was first called to the new explosive agent, it was shown that in case of shipment 'one pound exploding by some unforeseen accident on board of a 200-ton vessel would tear the vessel to pieces.' No wonder the explosion of 200 pounds at Aspin-wall on the 2d instant was sufficient the explosion of 200 pounds at Aspin-wall on the 3d instant was sufficient to blow up a strong iron ship, destroy the wharf and shatter most of the buildings in the vicinity, causing the loss of fifty lives and the destruction of property amounting to at least

THE INNOCENTS ABROAD.

Who sank the Persia?
"Not I." said the Kaiser,
"I am no wiser
Concerning the act
Than you are, in fact."

Who sank the Persia?
"Not I," said Francis J
"I swear you 'tis so;
The deed I'd not do
More quickly than you." Who sank the Persia? Said the Turk in reply: "By Allah! not I." Can each of the three So innocent be?

HISTORIC VERDUN ON THE MEUSE

A semi-official dispatch, dated Paris, per of the peror, addressing his soldiers of Desired that the German emperor, addressing his soldiers of Desired besieging Verdun, said: "The war of 1870 was decided at Point. Paris. The present war must end at Verdun."

Verdun has been compared to Friedmand. Napoleon forced the Russian army to battle at Friedland in 1807, with its back to the river, with the object of occupying the bridges, which would thus cut off retreat. Mackensen April 16, reported that the German em-Critical besieging Verdun, said: "The

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ject of occupying the bridges, which would thus cut off retreat. Mackensen would follow Napoleon's maneuver in 1807 by forcing the Freuch army to fight, its back to the Meuse, while Mackensen, attacking from the north, east and south simultaneously, would occupy the bridges of Verdun.

The difference between Napoleon's maneuver and that of Mackensen is manifest. Ney took the bridges of Friedland, while the kronpring has not sent a ground having the profile resembling a cow's head. These hames Friedland, while the kronpring has not sembling a cow's head. aken the bridges of Verdun, nor is there probability that they can be situated near Saint-Trophez, not fa Verdun was first mentioned in the "Itinerary of Autonius" (44 B.C.), under the name of Verodunum. After 1870 Verdun was created a first-class fortress, in the center (a vast introched camp, destined to bar the Champagne road to an enemy coming from Metz. A line of intercenting forts. Champagne road to an enemy coming from Metz. A line of intercepting forts connects the intrenchments of Verdun

> Aumenaucourt is a Francization of the Latin alamanorum cortis, or Ger

o the southeast.

It was at Verdun in 843 the sons of outs the Pious signed the treaty of livision of the Carolingian empire. outs of Bavaria took Germania, harles le Chauve, France, and west f the Meuse, Lothaire, Italy "Franconville," from Derivatives of the Meuse, Lothaire, Italy and the region between the Meuse and the Rhine. The latter finally was prey to German and French ambitions, Louis d'Outremer took Verdun, 979: Othon the Creat reconfused it Verdun, From Latin. Goudonville, Villegou-Francorum villa don, Gothorum, villas' ancient names whose modern equivalents may be seen in the signs "Bocherville," "Villa des A modern sign announces "Bains A modern sign announces baths."

Douches." to indicate shower baths.

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designates a military post of con ment, a post of succor, munitions indeed other things pertaining to

confirmed the possession.

In view of the present conflict, the treaty of Cateau-Cambresis is destined to be frequently mentioned, and its conditions should be clearly defined.

The treaty was signed the 2d of April, 1559, between' the plenipotentiaries of Henry II, King of France, on the one part: those of the Queen of England, Elizabeth, and Philip II, King of Spain, on the other part. That peace put an end to the wars of Italy and to the first period of rivalry of the houses of France and of Austria. Of these conquests France retained only Metz, Toul and Verdun, with their territories, and Calais.

Verdun was besieged by the Prussians in 1792, and was defended by Nicolas Joseph Beaurepaire, lieutenant colonel of volunteers of Mayenne and Loire. Although badly supported by an undisciplined and disaffected national guard, Beaurepaire resisted with energy the demand of the Puls of by an undisciplined and disaffected na-tional guard. Beaurepaire resisted with energy the demand of the Duke of Brunswick to surrender. But during the bombardment the royalists caused a part of the population to revolt, and Beaurepaire, unable to continue his valiant defense, blew out his brains, and Verdun capitulated September 2, 1792.

During the Franco-Prussian war Verdun was again besieged (October Siege of ing the wretched conditions. the defense was maintained with energy, and surren-

onfirmed the possession.

dered only November 8, 1870. This country of the Meuse depart- (451). ment, formed by a part of the Champagne and the ancient duchy of Bar. has its prefecture at Bar-le-Duc, 254 kilometers, or 159 miles, east of Paris. the department of the Haute-Marne. passes through France, Belgium and

passes through France, Belgium and Holland, passes Verdun, Sedan, Mezieres, Namur. Liege, Maastricht, Rotterdam, and falls into the sea; it is 578 miles in length.

The country presents another intensely interesting side. M. Vidal de la Blache says on this head: "All the geographical vocabulary there is impregnated with those old Gallic names of waters and of summits, deue, nont. couse, dun." For example, south of Verdun there are Dieue, Somme-dieue, Nant-le-Grand, Nant-le-Petit, Nantoisdans-le-Barrios, Cousance, Cousance-aux-Bois, Dung-sur-Meuse; unknown or forgotten places until the war, but destined henceforth to publicity because they have become the stage of the drama which is still being enacted. Dun is a Celtic suffix common to a the drama which is still being enacted. Dun is a Celtic suffix common to a

Making place), thus chatel or stituted a glory so great, marvelous and pure that it seemed to me that chateau is associated with Names, the name of the possessor or founder: Halton-chatel; for example, hateau-Thiery. The Chatceau-Thiery is the ancient Castellum-Theodorici, the place being fortified by Thiery. Also color and form often inspired

BRYAN.

Influences prevailed in the valleys of the Meuse and Moselle: the inhabitants of Verdun claimed the protection of Philip IV. "the Good," son of Philip IVI. When Good," son of Philip IVI. King of France, and signed with him a treaty of protection, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun a French governor, and Philip IVI gave to Verdun to the royal domain was one of the consequences of the Captured by the rivalry be tween French in 1551. Austria and Imposed a garrison on Verdun. Henry II. King of France, captured Verdun, also Toul and Metz, and the treaty of Cateau-Cambresis (1559)

treaty of Cateau-Cambresis (1559) Gallic word nantos signifies a valle)
It was the derivative of such names & It was the derivative of such names as Nant. Nans, Namps. Nant-sous-Thil, and from which sprang Nansouty, the name of the Gallic family of Comte de Nansouty, one of the best generals of Napoleon I, born in Bordeaux in 1768. Not far away from these labyrinths appears the sign "La Carriere," a name which some months ago was applied principally in this place to a carriere or "quadraria," a stone quarry. It now indeed other things pertaining to the war. These troglodylic cantonments are otherwise known as "Boyau Joffre," "Boyau Maud'huy," "Boyau Ardouin Dumazet," and many others will survive to point the moral and adorn the tale which will be told by the guides to the countless pilgrims to these patriotic trenches.

> Attila, king of the Huns, made a des perate effort to take Verdun (442 A.D.) but the effort was vain, al-Attila's though he spread desolation Effort. and ruin with fire and sword throughout the valleys of the Meuse and Saone. Attila was so named because of the signification, "Scourge of God" In the "Niebelungen" Attila's real name appears as Etzel. Hav-12, 1870). Notwithstand- ing ravaged the cities of Gaul he was finally defeated by the allied Frank and Ostrogoth princes, Aetius, Merovee and Theodoric, at a great battle, which has

been fixed as at Chalons-sur-Marne ment, formed by a part of the Champagne and the ancient duchy of Bar, has its prefecture at Bar-le-Duc, 254 kilometers, or 159 miles, east of Paris.

The historic River Meuse rises in the department of the Haute-Marne, passes through France, Belgium and the city looking eastward, the side of the country looking eastward, the side of the city looking eastward the city looking eastward, the side of the city looking the city looking eastward. the city looking eastward, the sid

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there in that little house there was the palpitating soul of Jeanne d'Arc which awaited the hour marked by God on the dial plate of history to raise her arm and lead the invincible battalions of France to the reconquest of French soil, delivering at the same time the universe." CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

VERDUN.

The battle of Verdun bids fair to be the only battle in the world's history in which cases of frost bite and sunstroke were both numbered among the casual-ties treated at the hospitals in the rear.

Is the fighting less intense at Verdun

or does it only seem so to us since the opening of the big leagues?

from the Rochester Post-Express rom the Scranton Republican. "Walter Johnson's wonderful con-trol."—Headline. It is as nothing com-pared with that shown by William Jen-nings Bryan when he realized that he had wrought the one-term plank to no effective purpose. The great battle at Verdun is mornotable for its length than for its ac complishments.

From the Grand Rapids News One Michigan man voted for Bryan t the primary. It is good occasion-

ally to run across a man with a sense of humor like that.

From the Rochester Herald. What's the matter with Nebraska? Just come to her senses?

From the Jacksonville Times-Union

If Mr. Bryan goes to the next demo-cratic convention it should be either without instructions or with explicit authority to disobey them. From the Philadelphia Evening Telegrap Is it possible that our William J.
Bryan is slowly slipping toward the
edge of political oblivion? No longer
when great things break loose do we
see interviews as to what he would do

The battle of Verdun became the campaign of Verdun, and if the fighting there keeps on much longer it may be proper to speak of it as the war of Verdun. From the Topeka State Journa

From the Savannah News.

In every respect the battle of Ver-dun has the distinction of being the greatest in all history, and in none more so than it is the most terrible.